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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

September 30, 1978

Dear Admiral Turner:

Academy national headquarters is proceeding with its correspondence and arrangements for the 1979 Salute to Excellence weekend at Salt Lake City, Utah next June 21-23... and we are confident that the 18th annual "gathering of the greats" will be as significant and inspirational as ever.

As one of the most illustrious past honorees of the Academy, you are invited to join us there as a complimentary guest...perhaps for the entire program, but especially for the Friday evening outing and dinner at the nearby mountain-top Snowbird Resort, and the subsequent events.

Most particularly, we would like you to take your place of honor on the headtable at the Banquet of the Golden Plate on Saturday evening, June 23, in the Salt Palace, and the join other members of the Awards Council in the presentation of the Golden Plate Award.

The Academy is certain that it will arrange sponsorship for a record-breaking 400 most outstanding high school honor students from across the country -- and we are hopeful that you will add your exciting presence to a wonderful weekend.

We shall appreciate, at early convenience, your confirming letter of participation.

Sincerely yours,

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John J. Sirica, 1977 Honoree

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*partial list. Each member is a past recipient of the Golden Plate Award